

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The amendment filed on 8/28/2009 has been entered. Claims 1-59, 61, 67, 69 and 70 are cancelled. Claims 60, 62-66, 68 and 71-74 are currently pending in the application.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Adam Pyonin on 4/16/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace claims 60 and 68 with the following:

60. (Currently Amended) An electrographic position location apparatus comprising:
 - (a) a platform comprising a surface;
 - (b) a print medium including a print element, wherein the print medium is capable of being received on the platform;
 - (c) a plurality of electrical elements in the platform and under the surface;
 - (d) a microprocessor coupled to the plurality of electrical elements;
 - (e) a memory device coupled to the microprocessor, wherein the memory device comprises code for recording a user's voice, code for storing the user's recorded voice, and code for playing back the user's voice;

(f) an audio output device coupled to the microprocessor;
(g) a microphone in the platform; and
(h) a dummy microphone structure fixedly coupled to the platform, wherein the dummy microphone structure comprises a head portion and a neck, and wherein the dummy microphone structure is configured to space ~~spaces~~ a user's mouth an appropriate distance from the microphone in the platform.

68. (Currently Amended) A toy comprising:
(a) a housing having an electronic display screen;
(b) a plurality of electrical elements in the housing and under the electronic display screen;
(c) a microprocessor coupled to the plurality of electrical elements;
(d) a memory device coupled to the microprocessor, wherein the memory device comprises code for recording a user's voice, code for storing the user's recorded voice, code for playing back the user's voice, and code for generating one or more images on the electronic display screen;
(e) an audio output device coupled to the microprocessor; and
(f) a dummy microphone structure fixedly coupled to the housing, wherein the dummy microphone structure comprises a head portion and a neck, ~~wherein the microphone structure is a dummy microphone structure~~ and wherein the toy further comprises a microphone in the platform and the dummy microphone structure spaces a user's mouth an appropriate distance from the microphone in the platform.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of records fail to teach the invention as particularly claimed. The prior arts La Tour et al. (US 5,888,070), Bell (US 6,148,173) and Baer et al. (US 5,531,600) each teaches the limitations particularly claimed in claims 60 and 68 except for the dummy microphone structure. Shiraki (US 6,028,556) teaches of providing an antenna structure and placement of the microphone at the end of the antenna to keep the microphone a distance away from the user's mouth. Ruhl (US 6,305,732 B1) provides a teaching of keeping the microphone at a distance away from the speaker's mouth with a directional microphone with a lobe-shaped directional characteristic embodied as a parabolic mirror microphone. The prior arts do not provide a structure of a dummy microphone with a head portion and a neck. The combination of prior arts fails to teach or reasonably suggest a dummy microphone structure to space a user's mouth an appropriate distance from the microphone in the platform as particularly claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KANG HU whose telephone number is (571)270-1344. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 (Mon-Thu).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on 571-262-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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